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**Action.** Police and the DA's office are seeking cooperation so they can investigate a high schooler's claims of abuse.

A joint investigation has been launched by the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office and Philadelphia Police Department into a teenager's allegations that he was abused by a police officer last month.

"We don't normally confirm ongoing investigations, but given the nature of this case, we felt it was important to let the public know that we have been vigorously investigating this case since it occurred," District Attorney Seth Williams said at a press conference on Thursday announcing the investigation.

Williams and Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey said they are investigating the incident, which occurred on the afternoon of Jan. 7 on the 1400 block of Girard Avenue, when Darrin Manning, 16, was arrested.

Manning and his mother later told media that he was doing nothing wrong when police chased him down, and that he had to be hospitalized after a female police officer ruptured his testicle while patting him down.

Manning's family filed a complaint about the incident with the FBI's Philadelphia office, an FBI spokesperson previously confirmed.

**Quoted**

**"When allegations are made about police misconduct, we're going to get to the bottom of it."**
Ramsey

However, Williams and Ramsey said that Manning and his family have not filed a complaint with the police department, which would trigger an internal affairs investigation.

Currently, police and prosecutors are in possession of no evidence and no facts related to the police brutality Manning has alleged, Ramsey and Williams said.

"At this point we have no basis to believe that a police officer did anything wrong," Williams said.

Neither Manning nor the two teenagers with him at the time of the incident have spoken to authorities, nor have any of the bystanders who witnessed the incident, which took place around 4 p.m. on Jan. 7.

"Lots of information is floating around out there, some of which is inaccurate," Ramsey said, declining to go into specifics because he said he didn't want to take the case apart in a "piecemeal" fashion.

Ramsey said Manning's attorney had denied his requests to share his story with police.

**Brutality allegations**

**Williams and Ramsey say the investigation is hampered due to Manning not filing an official complaint with police.**

- Manning's family reportedly will not talk to police unless Williams drops charges against Manning for simple assault, resisting arrest and reckless endangerment.
- Williams wants to wrap up the investigation before Manning's court date on March 4.

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## Gearing up for the yearly auto show

Auto Show Director Kevin Mazzucola sits in a vintage car next to Clutch the bear, as preparations continue for this weekend's Philadelphia Auto Show at the Convention Center. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

**Drug bust**

## Delaware teen arrested on charges of having pot and gun

Zakeer Washington, 18, of Wilmington, was arrested Wednesday for allegedly having nearly 2 ounces of marijuana packaged in 45 plastic vials and seven small bags, a loaded .45-caliber handgun and cash in his backpack while at Newark High School.

The gun was reported stolen in Somerset County, Pa., in August, officials said. METRO

**Top 3**

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**Local tweet**

**"Still pissed Giroux isn't in the olympics"**
Relax, @b_alvy, he would have played for Canada anyway.

**Busted**

## Feds: Man, 19, holds up six shops in Philly

Federal prosecutors announced Thursday that they indicted a teenager on charges of stealing $8,978 in a string of six holdups around Philadelphia, for which he now could face up to 107 years in prison.

Abdullah Sirleaf, 19, is accused of using a shotgun in one robbery and just a black handgun in the five other alleged robberies of varied businesses.

All the robberies allegedly took place in quick succession around South and Southwest Philly over the summer of 2013, according to an indictment released by the office of U.S. Attorney Zane Memeger.

The indictment charges Sirleaf with using a weapon to rob the businesses and taking the large amounts of money.

If convicted, in addition to a maximum prison term of 107 years, Sirleaf could face up to five years of supervised release, a fine, a $1,100 special assessment and restitution fines.
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# Councilman Bill Green prepares his resignation

**Peace.** He will vacate his council seat and assume his new position as commission chair by the end of the month.

City Councilman Bill Green is now on the clock.

Green said Thursday he plans to submit his letter of resignation before next week's council session. His resignation will become effective once he takes the oath to become the next chairman of the School Reform Commission.

During the session, fellow council members expressed hope that Green would improve communications among City Council, the SRC and the state, and help advocate for more funding for the cash-strapped schools.

"The problem is the district needs $120 million and there is only one avenue for it at the moment under state law, and that's the optional sales tax," Green said. "Until there is an alternative, I don't know what I can advocate for."

Green said City Council President Darrell Clarke is working with the mayor's office and the general assembly to try and garner more resources for the city.

"Our job will be to effectively take the resources we are given, because we have no taxing authority, and choose, as we do in the city, choose between the competing ideas to. … make decisions and spend the money as best we can."

Green will replace Pedro Ramos, who stepped down for family reasons late last year. The state Senate approved the appointments of Green, and Farah Jimenez, on Wednesday by a 44-2 vote.

Will he endorse a replacement?

"No," he said, laughing. "I don't need to make anybody in Philadelphia politics angry at me. I'm going to need all of their help."

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**Taxing**

## Oh calls for cut, and no raises

City Councilman David Oh proposed a bill Thursday that he hopes would help stifle the excess taxes that drain wallets and pocketbooks of Philadelphia residents.

Oh's bill would reduce the wage tax for employees and the net profits tax for city residents by $100 million over 10 years.

Smaller wage reductions expired in July 2013, and there are no new reductions planned.

And the reductions taxpayers saw were "insignificant," he said. He said this bill would give people more money and extend long-term.

He said no other taxes would be raised, because he feels residents would spend the extra money locally.

**The vote**

**$120M**

The amount the district needs, according to Green

## Doing his part to end school bullying

First-graders figure out what to paint on an anti-bullying mural at the S. Weir Mitchell School in Southwest Philadelphia. The Zarwin Baum legal firm are "adopting" the school, providing computers and other supplies, as well as supporting an anti-bullying campaign.

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Vice President Joe Biden called for more investment in the nation's railroad infrastructure at Amtrak's locomotive unveiling on Thursday in Philadelphia. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

# Amtrak unveils new train, Biden calls for funding

**Zoom zoom.** Seventy new trains will power the Northeast Corridor. The first one runs Friday.

Vice President Joe Biden made a stop in Philadelphia on Thursday at 30th Street Station to help unveil Amtrak's new Cities Sprinter electric locomotive that will run on the Northeast Corridor, linking Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, New York and Boston. He also talked about the need for transportation funding.

The locomotives, built by California group Siemens, will match existing trip times with speeds up to 125 miles per hour.

The next step is operation on the Keystone Service between New York, Philadelphia and Harrisburg.

The first of 70 locomotives — totaling about $465 million — will depart from Boston on Friday. The new design, officials said, improve reliability and maintenance. They also include a system that performs its own technical tests.

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Northeast

## Former Nabisco plant to close

The former Nabisco and Kraft factory on Roosevelt Boulevard will close in 2015, and 350 employees will be out of work.

Mondelez International, which owns Kraft, announced plans Thursday to close the former bakery and move to locations in Richmond, Va. and Fair Lawn, N.J. METRO

## Won't stop. More white stuff on the way

After this past week, the snowfall slated to head our way this weekend will seem like nothing.

Meteorologists with the National Weather Service in Mount Holly are predicting 1 to 2 inches to fall in Philadelphia early Sunday morning. The snow, at times, could mix with some rain creating for slushy commutes, said meteorologist Valerie Meola.

Temperatures all weekend will be in the mid-30s during the day and drop into the 20s on Saturday and teens on Sunday. CHRISTINA PACIOLLA

Peco crews are still working to restore power.
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# GAME TIME IN SOCHI

Opinion

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As I write this, my biggest disappointment in the Winter Olympics is that once again I will not be competing in the luge. Honestly, the idea of hopping onto a tiny sled to blast down an ice chute at 90 miles an hour is fantastic. Let Coloradans have their legalized pot and members of Congress their illicit affairs. Nothing can be more fun than rocketing along like a human hockey puck.

I wouldn't worry about winning. In all likelihood, the Germans will gobble up the luge medals like free bratwursts at a beer garden; but just getting a chance to try this magnificent, unhinged sport would be the thrill of a lifetime. Still, I wasn't picked for the team, so like I said I'm disappointed.

And if that turns out to be my only disappointment in these games, I'll be fine with that. No doubt you've noticed the tidal wave of warnings about potential terror attacks on these Winter Olympics, and all the folks I know who specialize in such matters say the situation is indeed serious. The terrorists in that part of the world are tough, dedicated, and they've shown no hesitation about hitting innocent adults, children or anyone else. They despise Vladimir Putin. So if they get a chance to take a whack at tourists, athletes or visiting dignitaries counting on Russian hospitality, they will almost certainly jump at it.

That said, the Russians are pouring security officers, police and troops into the area like it's Stalingrad in 1942. They clearly intend to watch, photograph and record every movement by everyone. Will that prevent an attack? I hope so, and I wish the best for all the athletes. For the record, I would not be afraid to attend the games, but they are remote, expensive and – absent of Tonya Harding's full-contact figure skating – I just can't get that excited about double axels.

On the other hand, if the U.S. luge team suddenly has an opening, the terrorists will have to step aside, because Sochi, here I come.

Police outside the media center in Sochi. / GETTY IMAGES

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Christian faith

## At prayer breakfast, Obama talks faith and foreign policy

President Barack Obama pressed for greater religious freedom in China and offered prayers for U.S. prisoners in North Korea and Iran on Thursday during remarks at an annual prayer breakfast that highlighted his Christian faith.

Obama, who attended the breakfast at a Washington hotel with his wife, Michelle, used the high profile event to renew calls for the release of two men held by U.S. adversaries in Asia and the Middle East.

"We pray for Kenneth Bae, a Christian missionary who's been held in North Korea for 15 months ... His family wants him home. And the United States will continue to do everything in our power to secure his release," Obama said.

"We pray for Pastor Saeed Abedini. He's been held in Iran for more than 18 months, sentenced to eight years in prison on charges relating to his Christian beliefs."

Obama said religious freedom, protected by the first amendment of the U.S. Constitution, was under threat around the world and he singled out China and Myanmar, formerly known as Burma, as countries that needed to do better on the issue.

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**"We pray for Pastor Saeed Abedini. He's been held in Iran for more than 18 months, sentenced to eight years in prison on charges relating to his Christian beliefs."**

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# Kerry is reluctant 'star' of Israeli settlers' spoof

**Mockery.** The video depicts the 'Secretary of State' touring the West Bank and East Jerusalem.

This screen grab from the two-minute long video shows the settlers' interpretation of Kerry. / YOUTUBE

Trying humor over hectoring, Israeli ultra-nationalists have lampooned Secretary of State John Kerry in a video campaign against his troubled quest for peace between the Jewish state and the Palestinians.

The YouTube clip features an actor playing a buffoonish Kerry as he tours the occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem, areas where Palestinians seek statehood but which Israel sees as a Jewish birthright and security buffer.

The spoof followed harder criticism of the top U.S. diplomat from within Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's rightist government. One minister was quoted as calling Kerry "messianic" while another said he was expecting the Jewish state to negotiate with a gun to its head.

Speaking against the backdrop of Jerusalem shrines, the mock-Kerry extols the city as "holy to all religions: Jews, Christians, Muslims, Buddhists, Klingons and Hobbits."

In the Jordan Valley — the proposed eastern border of the future Palestine, where Israel insists on keeping its own troops — "Kerry" offers assurances by suggesting armed infiltrators can be photographed and shamed on social media. REUTERS

**Peace deal**

The United States has opted for softer rubric, questioning their "legitimacy," and in the past has voiced support for its Middle East ally keeping some settlements under a peace deal.

**Speaker Boehner**

## No decision on provisions of debt ceiling

House Speaker John Boehner said on Thursday there was no decision yet among his fellow Republicans on whether to add any conditions to raising the debt ceiling.

He added a debt limit hike bill had to be passed by late February.

While Boehner wouldn't say whether a simple debt limit hike bill would be voted on, he did tell reporters, "We do not want to default on our debt and we're not going to default on our debt." REUTERS

## Confrontational. Putin aide warns US about actions in Kiev

A senior Kremlin aide accused the United States on Thursday of arming Ukrainian "rebels" and, urging the Kiev government to put down what it called an attempted coup, warned it could intervene to maintain the security of its ex-Soviet neighbor.

Sergei Glazyev, an adviser to President Vladimir Putin with responsibility for relations with Ukraine, told a newspaper that U.S. "interference" breached the 1994 treaty under which Washington and Moscow jointly guaranteed Ukraine's security and sovereignty after Kiev gave up its Soviet-era nuclear arsenal.

His characteristically confrontational comments could add to tensions with Washington, and within Ukraine. REUTERS

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# Stolen Stradivarius found in Milwaukee in good condition: Report

**Perps.** Milwaukee police arrested three people on Monday in connection with the theft.

This Stradivarius violin is similar to the one stolen. / GETTY IMAGES

A Stradivarius violin worth millions of dollars, which was stolen from a concert violinist in an armed robbery last week, has been recovered from a suitcase in the attic of a Milwaukee house, law enforcement officials said on Thursday.

The 300-year-old instrument was being held at the city's police headquarters and will be returned after it is inspected by experts, Milwaukee Police Chief Ed Flynn said.

At least one of the three suspects arrested in connection with the theft could be charged as soon as Friday, Milwaukee County District Attorney John Chisholm said.

"We have very strong confidence that the violin is fine," said Mark Niehaus, the president and executive director of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra.

Milwaukee police had arrested two men, aged 36 and 41, and a woman, 32, on Monday in connection with the theft. The culprits had used a stun gun on violinist Frank Almond and took the Stradivarius from him after a concert in suburban Milwaukee, police said. **REUTERS**

**Rare strings**

**600**

The Lipinski is one of roughly 600 violins, violas and cellos still in existence that were built by the famed Italian artisan Antonio Stradivari.

## 'Sleepwalker' stays up at women's college

Officials from Wellesley College said they have no plans to remove a controversial sculpture of a nearly naked man despite more than 500 people signing an online petition to move it. The "Sleepwalker" sculpture was recently installed outside at the women's college as part of the opening of the New Gravity exhibit at the Davis Museum at Wellesley College. In a joint statement, President H. Kim Bottomly and Lisa Fischman, director of the Davis Museum, said the work has created an impassioned conversation. **REUTERS** /NICOLAUS CZARNECKI

**Social media**

## Investors dump Twitter stock as results divide Wall Street

Twitter Inc.'s shares fell almost 25 percent on Thursday, wiping out about $9.8 billion in market value, after the company reported a sharp slowdown in user growth.

The stock, which debuted at $26 in November, hit a low of $50 in early trading. The shares hit a peak of $74.73 in late December.

Analysts, unlike investors, were divided on the company's outlook a day after it reported fourth-quarter results.

Twitter, according to broker assessments, is either the overvalued owner of a niche product whose potential is fading or an undervalued phenomenon that is set to give Facebook a run for its money in mobile. **REUTERS**

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# Real-life Philomena meets pope, says all is forgiven

**Art imitates life.** Her story is the basis for an Oscar-nominated film.

Philomena Lee, whose long search for the son she was forced to give up as an unwed teenager in Catholic Ireland inspired the Oscar-nominated film bearing her name, says that after meeting Pope Francis she feels forgiven and has forgiven.

"He really made me feel so good inside because I carried the guilt inside me for 50 years, without telling anybody," Lee, 80, said on Thursday, a day after a brief meeting with the pope.

Her long, ultimately unsuccessful search for the son who was taken from her as an unmarried mother has struck a chord with movie fans across the world and the movie "Philomena" has received four Academy Award nominations.

"I felt such a sense of relief yesterday for the guilt I carried and that I still carry a little bit today because you were made to feel so, so bad about having a baby out of wedlock," she said, sitting beside her daughter Jane Libberton and actor Steve Coogan, who plays a reporter in the film.

"I felt such a sense of relief that I had been forgiven," she said of her meeting with the pope.

Like many unwed mothers in 1950s Ireland, Lee was forced to work in convent laundries while their children were put up for adoption, usually taken by well-off American families. REUTERS

**Holy roller**

The bike sold for almost 20 times its estimated worth. / GETTY IMAGES

## Pope's Harley rakes it in at auction

A Harley-Davidson motorcycle sold at auction on Thursday for almost 20 times its estimated value — because its previous owner was the pope.

Pope Francis donated the motorbike to Catholic charity Caritas after signing it at a special ceremony at the Vatican in November. The proceeds will go toward the renovation of a hostel and soup kitchen based at Rome's Termini railway station. REUTERS

**By the numbers**

**241K**

Signed "Francesco" on its tank, the Dyna Super Glide sold for 241,500 euros ($328,300), with a Harley-Davidson leather jacket, also signed by the pope, going for 57,500 euros ($78,137), both to anonymous bidders.

**12-15K**

The motorbike had a pre-sale estimate of 12,000-15,000 euros.

**Legionaries of Christ**

## Order denounces founder, apologizes

A disgraced Catholic religious order whose late founder lived a double life as a pedophile, womanizer and drug addict officially denounced him on Thursday and apologized to his "many victims."

The Legionaries of Christ, which former members said was run like a cult rooted in secrecy, accused Father Marcial Maciel of "reprehensible and objectively immoral behavior" as head of the order from 1941 until former Pope Benedict removed him in 2006.

Once a darling of the Vatican because it attracted many Catholics to religious vocations and made sizeable donations, the order has been in Vatican receivership since 2010 and came close to being disbanded. REUTERS

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# Sochi: Everything

The 2014 Winter Olympics start Feb. 7 in Sochi, Russia. The buildup has been focused on the $50 billion price tag, terrorism threats and Russia's gay propaganda law. But controversies aside, Sochi will be all about the sports and their stars. Metro looks ahead with the important stats and facts.

**Sochi by the numbers**

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Zero degrees Celsius (32 degrees Fahrenheit) is the average February temperature at the Krasnaya Polyana cluster (outdoor Olympic events), 60 kilometers northeast of Sochi in the Caucasus Mountains.

**8.7B**

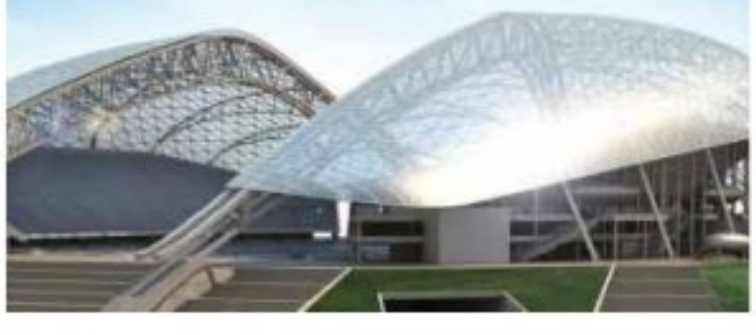
The cost in U.S. dollars of the new joint highway and railroad linking Sochi and the Krasnaya Polyana mountain resort is $8.7 billion — more than three times the cost of NASA's Curiosity rover mission to Mars (at $2.5 billion).

**500,000**

Projected number of spectators at Sochi 2014

**265,000**

Liters of borscht (beetroot soup) expected to be served during the Sochi Games



**Winter Olympics**

**memorable moments**

## Eddie the Eagle

Britain's Eddie "The Eagle" Edwards finished a distant last in the ski jumping events in Calgary 1988, but his nerdy appearance, awkward ability and infectious enthusiasm helped him win fans' hearts forever. His legacy continued as the International Olympic Committee instituted the Eddie the Eagle rule, which created minimum standards and performance requirements for wannabe Olympians.

## Jamaican bobsled team

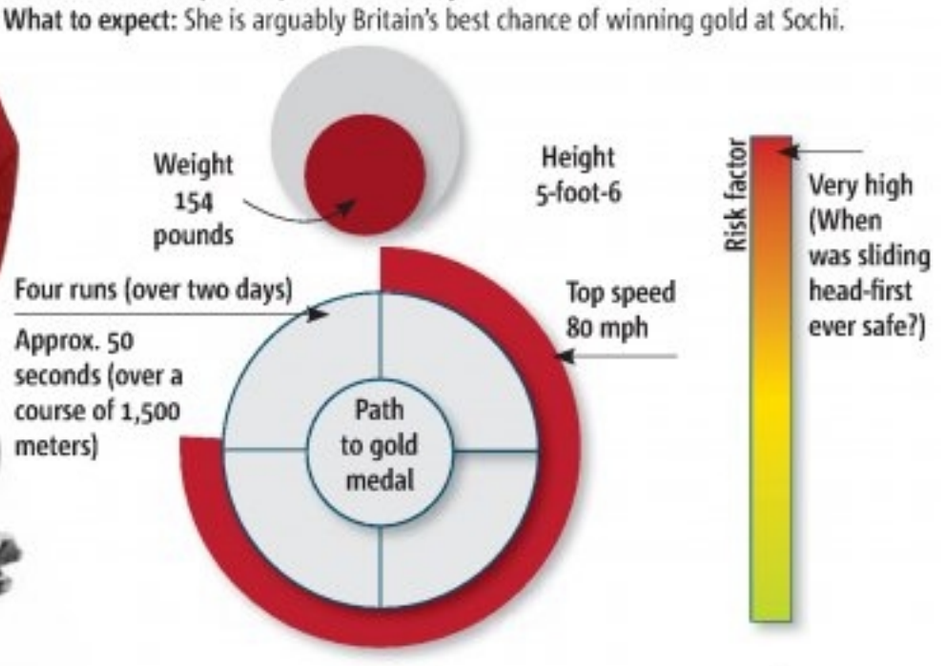
The Jamaican bobsled team made its Olympic debut in 1988 at Calgary. The team was made up of sprinters who had never competed in the winter sport. During one of their four runs at the games, their bobsled turned over and crashed. Though they didn't finish the race officially, the team got up, lifted their sled and carried it, undeterred, to the finish line.

**Who to watch**

## Lizzy Yarnold

**Country:** UK **Sport:** Skeleton **Age:** 25 @TheYarnold

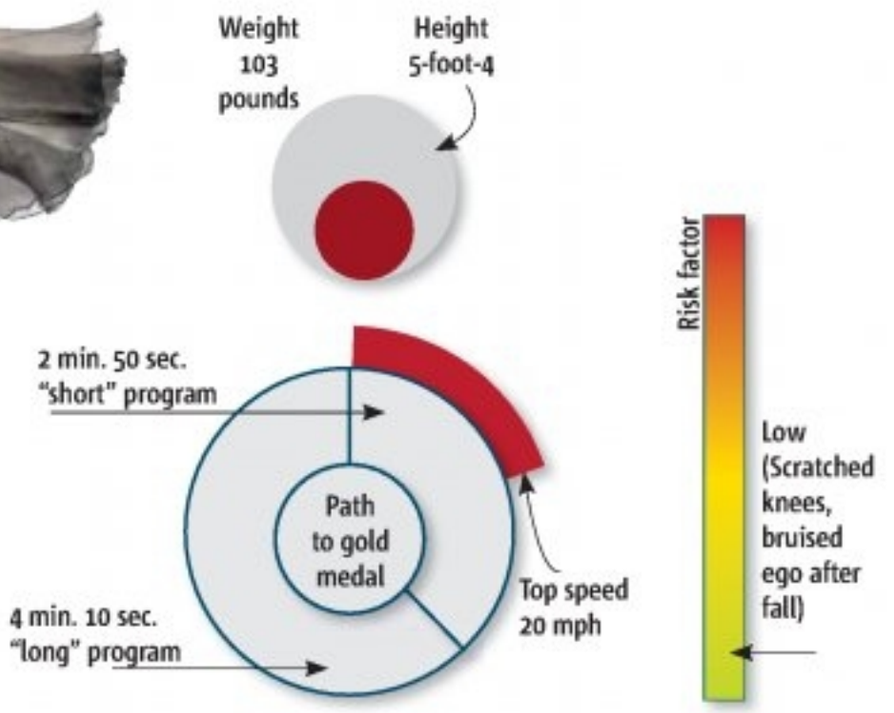
**Who?:** After picking up bronze in the 2012 World Championships, the Brit goes from strength to strength, hitting form at the right time by becoming the overall women's skeleton World Cup champion this January.
**What to expect:** She is arguably Britain's best chance of winning gold at Sochi.



## Yuna Kim

**Country:** South Korea **Sport:** Figure skating **Age:** 23 @Yunaaaa

**Who?:** A huge celebrity in her homeland, the reigning world and Olympic champion is looking to end her illustrious career on a high at Sochi.
**What to expect:** Tipped by many as the favorite for gold, look forward to plenty of triple lutzes and triple axels.

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## Bode Miller

**Country:** USA **Sport:** Alpine skiing **Age:** 36 @MillerBode

**Who?:** An Olympic legend, Miller is skiing in his fifth games. His five Olympic medals (gold, silver, bronze at Vancouver 2010, two silvers at Salt Lake 2002) are the most for an American alpine skier. Miller has had a controversial past as he admitted to skiing under the influence and split from the U.S. ski team to race independently, before returning after a bad patch.

**What to expect:** The old man of skiing won't go away, consistently making the podium at events this ski season.

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ORIGINS: Unclear, but thought to be invented in 16th-century Scotland

NICKNAME: The Roaring Game, with the "roar" coming from the noise of a granite stone traveling over the ice

BEST COUNTRY AT IT: Canada (8 medals, 3 gold)

HOW TO SCORE: In an end where each team delivers eight stones, whichever team scores the most points (by coming closest to the button) wins that inning. Olympic curling matches have 10 ends each.

GLOSSARY

BROOM
The implement with which players sweep the ice to make a stone travel farther and "curl" (deviate) less

STONE
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PEBBLES
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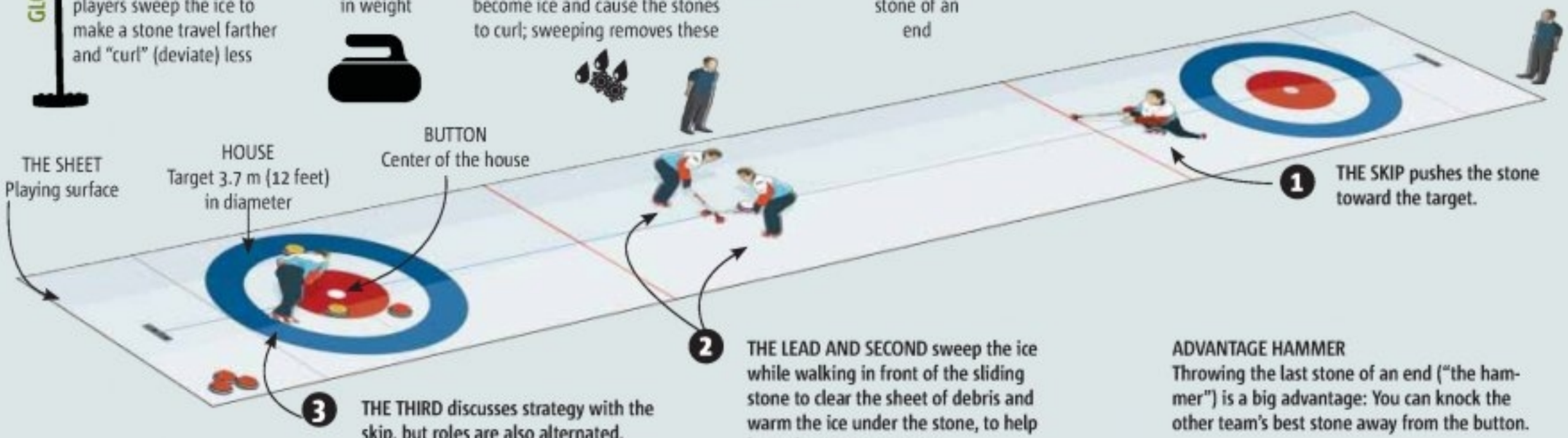
END
An inning

HAMMER
The last stone of an end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Throwing the last stone of an end ("the hammer") is a big advantage: You can knock the other team's best stone away from the button.

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**About the movie**

"A movie about saving art doesn't really sound all that fun, so you have to remind people that what we're talking about isn't just these paintings on a wall. It's about culture, the fabric of our culture. You can kill them, you can murder their families, but if you take away their culture then that's when society breaks down."

Clooney

**Interview.** George Clooney confesses he'd rather make movies like "The Monuments Men" than act in them.

# 'I LIKE IT MORE THAN ACTING'

George Clooney directs John Goodman and Jean Dujardin on the set of "The Monuments Men." / CLAUDETTE BARIUS

You may think all the World War II stories that could be committed to film have been covered, but George Clooney's got a new one for you. His latest as a director, "The Monument's Men," is based on the real exploits of a team of art experts tasked with recovering priceless works hoarded by the Nazis.

"We wanted to make an entertaining film, and we liked the story. We were not all that familiar with this actual story, which is rare for a World War II story. And we wanted it to be accessible," Clooney says.

"A movie about saving art doesn't really sound all that fun, so you have to remind people that what we're talking about isn't just these paintings on a wall. It's about culture, the fabric of our culture. You can kill them, you can murder their families, but if you take away their culture then that's when society breaks down."

The conviction with which he speaks of comes from a personal place — and from personal experiences that made him undertake the film in the first place. "I spent a lot of time going through villages in the Sudan and Darfur, where it wasn't enough that you killed them and you killed their children. They had to destroy the things that they'd created — from generations before," Clooney remembers. "They had to destroy what made the village theirs, and that was as important as the raping and the murdering of these families.

"We started to understand how when we didn't protect the art during the beginning of the war in Iraq, we didn't protect those museums, and now a lot of those things are lost," Clooney explains. "That can actually affect the community in a very deep way. What are you fighting for if it's not your culture, your life?"

**Who's the boss?**

## Behind the lens

His fifth film as a director, "The Monuments Men" marks Clooney's first outing behind the camera since 2011's "The Ides of March." And while those jobs take longer to get out, he's much happier in the director's chair, he's found.

"I prefer directing to doing other things. Directing and writing, I think, they seem to be infinitely more creative," he says. "I like it more than acting now. I don't know whether it's improving or not, but it's definitely evolving in different directions. All you're trying to do is learn from people that you've worked with. I've worked with the Coen brothers, with Soderbergh, Alexander Payne — I've worked with really great directors. You just try to watch what they're doing and then steal it. That's the theory. You go, 'Oh, I like that. I'm going to do it that way.'"

**Quoted**

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# Less than monumental

**War art film.** George Clooney's fifth turn as director is a listless but honorable failure.

"The Monuments Men" is our kind of action movie: one with Bill Murray and Bob Balaban. / CLAUDETTE BARIUS

One of the first scenes in the WWII drama "The Monuments Men" finds a French art historian (Cate Blanchett) spitting in a glass of Champagne destined for a German officer. Films like "Inglourious Basterds" — or "The Dirty Dozen," another men-on-a-mission romp — take glee in sticking it to the Nazis, even rewriting history. "The Monuments Men" will settle for a symbolic eff-you, one the recipient will never detect. That's as much ambition as the fifth film directed by George Clooney can muster.

Actually, that's not true. In terms of ground covered, it's downright unwieldy. And it shows in the storytelling. The tale of a platoon of mostly non-fighters — curators, architects, historians — shipped into the Eastern front to save Europe's art treasures from Nazi plunder doesn't lend itself well to streamlining. Clooney and co-conspirator Grant Heslov try to give it a kicky shape.

It starts as a send-up of "Ocean's Eleven," with Clooney's George Stout rounding up the gang, including such unlikely tough guys as John Goodman, Bill Murray and Bob Balaban. But historical semi-accuracy necessitates that they split up to cover more ground. Some double up, but the pairings are curiously flat, even when they're Murray and Balaban.

Jaunty music borrowed from every old war movie gives the feeling of a fun lark, but the narrative is too episodic even for an episodic narrative. Set pieces peppered too conservatively over the storyline fail to rise and instead peter out like air from a whoopee cushion. Even a bit where Matt Damon's curator finds himself stuck on a landmine winds up interrupting the comic momentum for a trite ode to friendship between characters who've barely filed screentime. The best scene — a tete-a-tete between Clooney and a German higher-up who refuses to cave even after the war has ended — hardly fits in the story.

**Review**

**'The Monuments Men'**

**Director:** George Clooney

**Stars:** George Clooney, Matt Damon

**Rating:** PG-13

Clooney doesn't find a novel way into the tale, doing precious little with the notion of art-heads as war heroes. Yet it still has a certain charm. As his directorial output proves, he has a yen for the past: Most of the kicks in "Good Night, and Good Luck" involved its near-fetishistic recreation of 1950s TV. "The Monuments Men" is a noble failure on the order of "Leatherheads," another inexplicably listless stab at old-school entertainment that remained impossible to hate even as it let you down. It's hard not to want to give it a hand as it wheezes along. A Nick Clooney cameo, of course, only makes it easier.



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# Based on WHAT?

Why is there a new movie starring toy building blocks? Because it's been done before with board games and roller coasters. In honor of "The Lego Movie," we found films adapted from odd sources.

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**Title** | **The result**

## 'Alice's Restaurant'

**Year:** 1969
**Original medium:** Pop song

An 18-minute epic by Arlo Guthrie tells about him almost being drafted. Director Arthur Penn's film fills in what you didn't need to know and makes serious what once was funny. (See also: Sam Peckinpah's "Convoy" and the film of "You Light Up My Life.")

## 'The Gong Show Movie'

**Year:** 1980
**Original medium:** Game show

Left out of the movie of Chuck Barris' "Confessions of a Dangerous Mind" is a factoid only slightly less nuts than Barris' claim that he was an assassin: The "Gong Show" host co-wrote, directed and starred in this spinoff, where he's beset upon by crazy would-be contestants.

## 'Clue'

**Year:** 1985
**Original medium:** Board game

A board game of whodunit became an overachieving movie with three different endings. A game cast (among the best being Tim Curry and Michael McKean) run about a manse, doing pratfalls and making screwball chatter. Best of all, it paved the way for "Battleship."

## 'Mars Attacks!'

**Year:** 1996
**Original medium:** Trading cards

Tim Burton's star-studded invasion pic was based on a series of 1962 Topps cards. They told a story, kind of: Each card had a major event, and you put the story together piecemeal, almost certainly out of order. All Burton did was giddily wipe out celebrities.

## The 'Pirates of the Caribbean' Saga

**Years:** 2003 — present
**Original medium:** Theme park ride

The Captain Jack-led series is currently about 11 hours long and counting, with a fifth installment crashing next year. Credit where credit's due: That's a lot of plotting and work considering the base was a five-minute ride with no discernible narrative.

## 'He's Just Not That Into You'

**Year:** 2009
**Original medium:** Self-help book

Greg Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo hit pay dirt with their book, which told women raised on the comforting lies of romantic comedy films the hard truths about love. So of course it was made into a romantic comedy film packed with comforting lies.

## 'The Lego Movie'

**Year:** 2014
**Original medium:** Interlocking toys

The very existence of a movie based on a line of toys seems like a joke in and of itself. But filmmakers Phil Lord and Chris Miller ("21 Jump Street") have cornered the market on turning things that don't need to be movies into pretty wonderful, hilarious movies.

## 'Ouija'

**Year:** 2014 (in October)
**Original medium:** A "spirit board"

Actually, we can't believe it's taken this long to make a horror film out of the silly game where you fool others (or yourself) into thinking ghosts are telling you what to spell. It's been around since 1894, one year before the birth of cinema. But then, it will probably stink.

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# Attack of the blocks

**Cartoon.** Somehow there's a lot of creativity and talent in a picture called "The Lego Movie."

Chris Pratt voices an everyman, center, who fights to save a toy world in "The Lego Movie." / WARNER BROS. PICTURE

There's no funnier joke in this movie than the one about how much genuine work and invention has been put into a movie about plastic blocks. And there are a lot of jokes — and colors, and creative plot turns, and comically overqualified actors voicing stiff toy figurines whose hands are nothing but immobile claws. There's so much busyness that it's easy to just give in, kick back and let your retinas be seared. And that would be a cinch — if the film's very message wasn't about not giving in, about being an individual who resists the control of mass entertainment.

Or is that even the message? Is there any message? "The Lego Movie" so teems with plot and characters and throwaway gags that it's only appropriate that its token homily is complicated and incoherent. Chris Pratt voices Emmet, our everyman hero who finds himself at the center of the battle for the Lego universe. The villain is President Business (Will Ferrell), who hates freedom: He wants to Krazy Glue the many realms made of interlocking plastic bricks, including a Western world with a Lego Monument Valley, a whimsical/passive-aggressive "Cuckoo Land" and "Middle Zealand."

Having already made a delightful cultural product that didn't need a plot ("21 Jump Street"), filmmakers Phil Lord and Chris Miller give "The Lego Movie" a tone that is both zany and sarcastic. The setup even offers the nastiest parody of modern conformity since "Idiocracy," but unfortunately, it doesn't follow through. The movie doesn't have the attention span. "Everything is awesome," goes the chorus to this world's joke pop hit. But the same thing goes for the movie, which always keeps moving, never slows down and never stops to realize that, conceptually, little of it makes sense.

The movie mostly makes its ADD work in its favor. And it is riotously funny, with random famous characters popping up in Lego form: Batman, Shakespeare, Shaquille O'Neal, Milhouse Van Houten, etc. But then, "South Park" did that to even sillier and gorier ends in its superior "Imaginationland" trilogy.

Only at the end does "The Lego Movie" slow down, finally hammering home its requisite lesson — and indeed, it hammers and hammers hard, harder than any of the family films it previously did such a fine job skewering.

**Review**

**'The Lego Movie'**

**Directors:** Phil Lord, Chris Miller

**Voices of:** Chris Pratt, Elizabeth Banks

**Rating:** PG

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# Documentary. The 'kids for cash' scandal gets a thorough look

For its first half hour, "Kids for Cash" seems like a "60 Minutes" type of documentary — one that chose an alarming subject but failed to find a novel way to present it. The topic is a case in Luzerne County, located in Pennsylvania, which saw a high number of kids sent to juvenile detention centers. Most of them were for non-violent crimes, and even incredibly minor ones. (One spent years locked up for being caught with a dirt bike he was given without knowing it was stolen.) The judge, Mark Ciavarella, was so adamant about scaring kids straight that he went overboard — or perhaps it was the millions of dollars the centers gave him that got him to kick up his numbers?

So far, so enraging — but a shocking thing happens 30 minutes in: Ciavarella himself enters the movie. It's here that "Kids for Cash" becomes more than an outrage machine. Calmly pleading for us to hear his case, he argues that the money he got was a mere "finder's fee," which he didn't know was illegal. Ciavarella is remorseful, but for the wrong thing. He wishes he never took the money. He shows no regret when it comes to his reckless, frequent sentencing — but even there, he was part of a larger problem of a damaging "zero tolerance" tactic. **MATT PRIGGE**

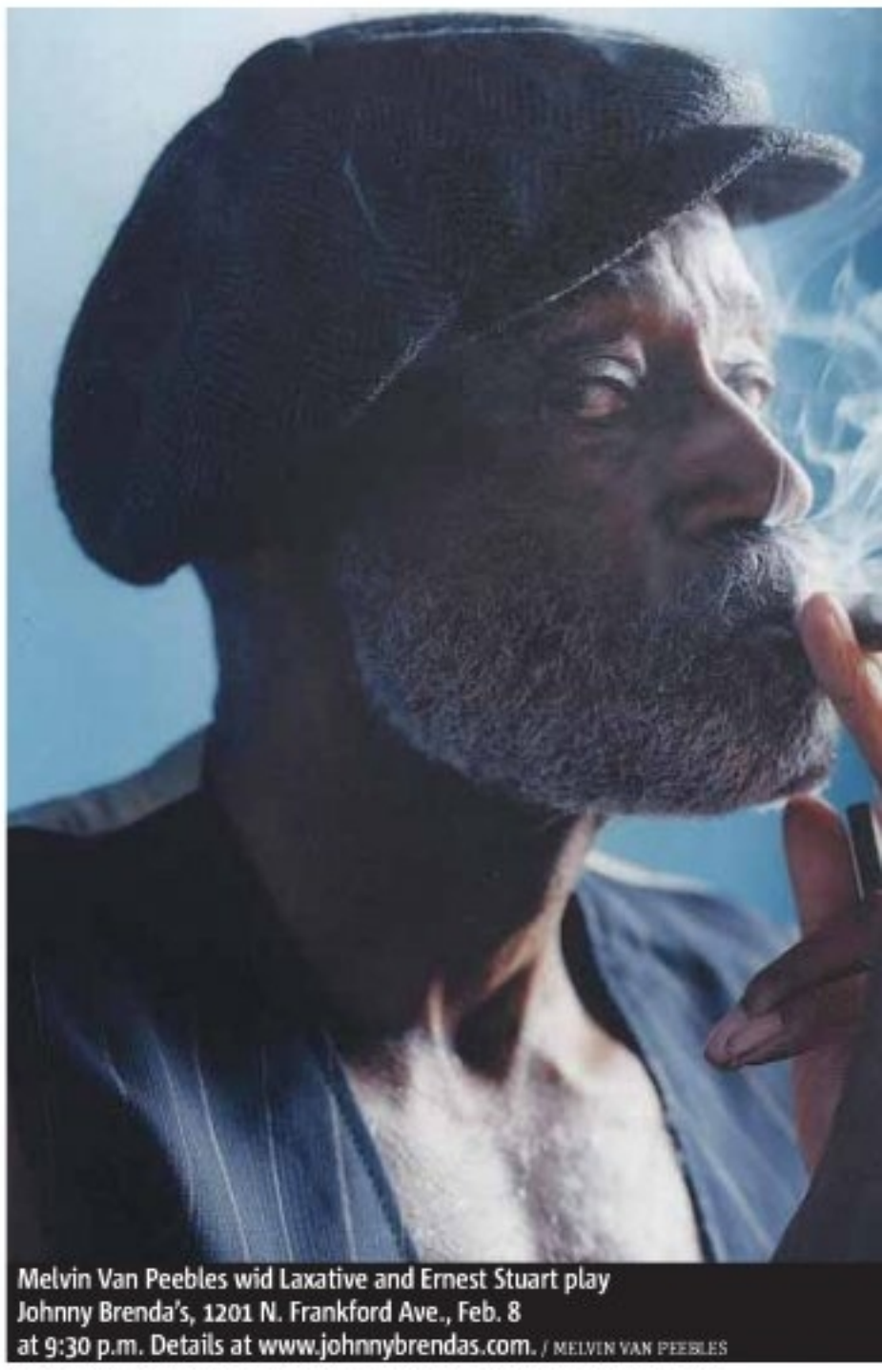
**Review**

**'Kids for Cash'**

**Director:** Robert May

**Genre:** Documentary

**Rating:** PG-13



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# Van Peebles is an original badass

**Groove.** The father of blaxploitation brings his bluesy, jazzy sound to Johnny Brenda's.

It's all about the song these days for Melvin Van Peebles. The 81-year-old icon whose 1971 film, "Sweet Sweetback's Baadasssss Song" started the blaxploitation movement in movies, now busies himself playing with his band, wid Laxative.

Music is nothing new for Van Peebles: He wrote the soundtrack to "Sweetback" as well as the soundtracks to his other films, and has several solo albums.

"I was walking down the street about a year and a half ago and I heard a song ... I had written 40-something years ago," he says. "It became the anthem of the Wall Street uprising and they're using it everywhere."

"Love, That's America" first appeared in "Watermelon Man," about a white bigot who turns black.

The Van Peebles sound is a bluesy, jazzy spoken word flow with lots of groove and character — and characters too. Wid Laxative is composed of members of the New York City-based collective Burnt Sugar.

"It's telling something and then you set it to music so you can dance the night away," he says.

**Quoted**

**"It's storytelling, it's like old blues or old country artists. It's telling something and then you set it to music so you can dance the night away."**

**Van Peebles,** on his music with Burnt Sugar.

**Iconic bass**

## Sweetback

Members of Burnt Sugar performed the live "Sweet Sweetback, the Hood Opera" with Van Peebles in 2010 in Paris. "Forty years ago," says bassist Jared Michael Nickerson, "I went to a drive-in in Dayton, Ohio, and saw 'Sweet Sweetback' and then it came on with that iconic bass, and me being a bass player, I was hooked right there."

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SPORTS

## The 2014 Winter Olympic Games Opening Ceremony

Details on Sochi's version of an Olympics opening ceremony remain hush-hush, but could they ever, even with a budget of $100 billion, be as insane as China's in 2008? The cost is "only" in the many millions, a tiny fraction of the reported $51 billion overall price tag. Rumor has it, though, that once-notorious faux-lesbian band t.A.T.u. may make an appearance, unless Putin decides to lock them up. **7:30 P.M., NBC**

TRAVEL

## 'The Moaning of Life'

See more at www.metro.us

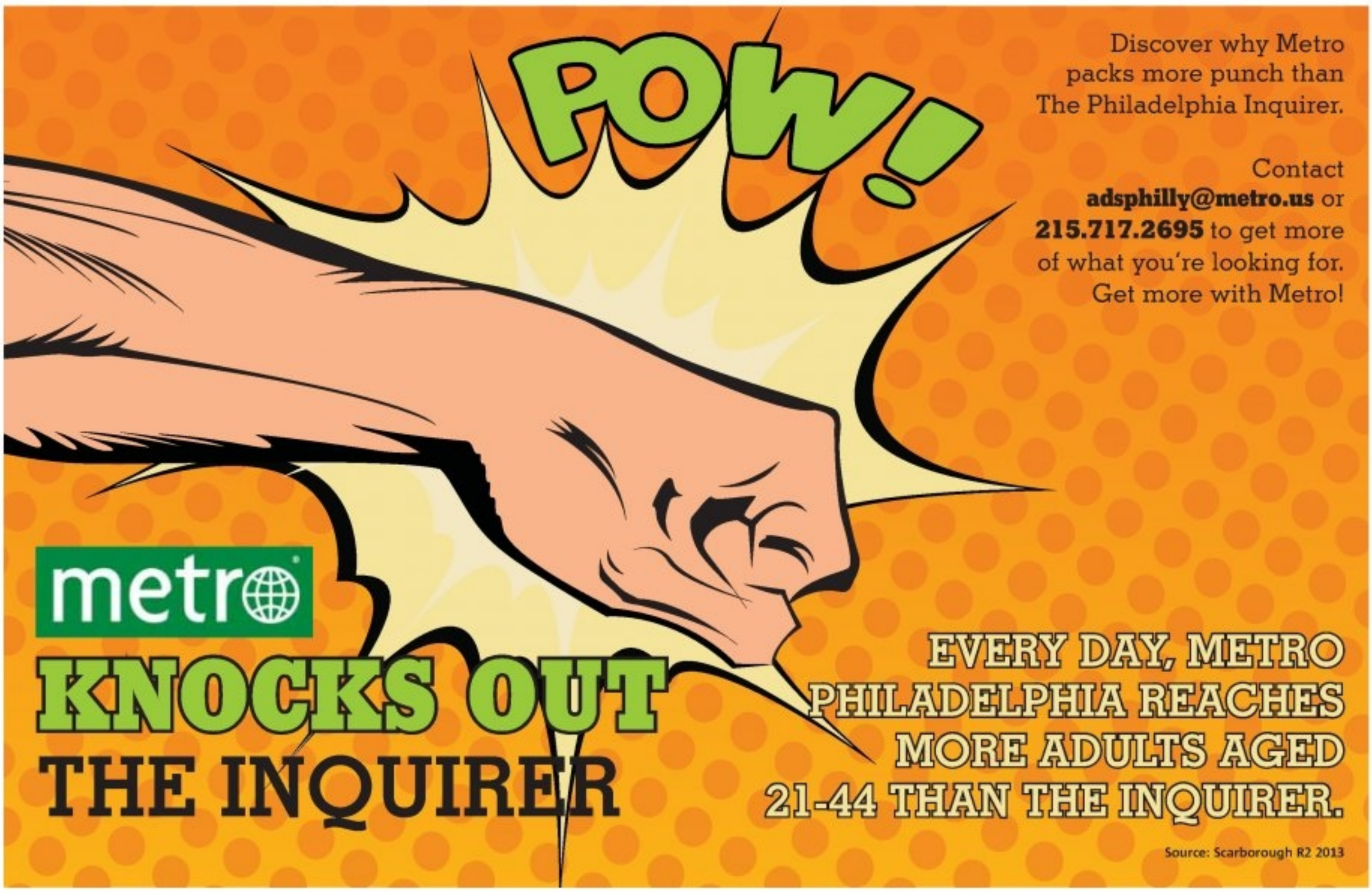
Karl Pilkington delves into death on the latest episode of "The Moaning of Life." / SCIENCE

In "An Idiot Abroad," Ricky Gervais chose where professional simpleton Karl Pilkington went so as to best torture him. Now, Pilkington chooses for himself. Here, he explores death while traipsing about Ghana, where he buys himself a custom coffin. **SEASON FINALE, 8 P.M., SCIENCE**

MYSTERY

## 'True Detective'

Probable future Oscar winner Matthew McConaughey hangs with Woody Harrelson on this Southern Gothic crime show. **9 P.M., HBO** **MATT PRIGGE**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# Topless Miley Cyrus pics surface

To quote one of my top five favorite movies of all time, "Well, Sinead O'Rebellion. Shock me, shock me, shock me with that deviant behavior." ("Empire Records." If you didn't know that, sorry, we can't be friends.)

When I logged on to the Interwebz this morning and was assaulted with a barrage of headlines screaming "TOPLESS MILEY PHOTOS" and "CYRUS NIP SLIP," etc., my instant reaction was, "But do we even careola?" (HA!)

Outtakes from Miley's recent photo shoots with W and German Vogue have surfaced online and, oops, her girls are out. (It must be said she's in possession of a fairly decent pair.)

Not to be a total boob, but is this stuff even titillating anymore? (I'm sorry, I've been on a pun bender lately. No, I'm not seeking help. I can stop whenever I want. I CAN.) [Makes 13 bad puns in a row]

Seriously though, I'm a major Miley apologist and honestly feel that every single one of her songs is a total jam, but I think she may have reached her shock threshold. As in pretty much every industry, there's a glass ceiling for women in the business of pushing the pop culture envelope, and I think Miley's head is bumping up against it.

At this point I think the most shocking thing Miley could do is show up somewhere in a modest turtleneck sweater, keep her tongue in her face and be home by midnight. Not that there's any fun in that.

# Selena Gomez addicted to Justin Bieber?

Everyone is in a tizzy right now because yet another product of the Disney tween star sweatshop has wound up in rehab, but I'm also filing this one under, "yawn, sigh, next."

Selena Gomez — who got her start playing a sassy sorceress on "Wizards of Waverly Place" and was actually rather not-bad in "Spring Breakers" — landed in an Arizona rehab clinic last month. She later checked herself out early (probably not so smart), but that's not the part of this whole thing that caught my interest for a second.

It's the substances that Gomez needed treatment for that bear discussion here: alcohol (sure), pot (wellll) and... Justin Bieber. Say what now?

According to sources/friends/etc., Gomez's relationship with the Biebs was unhealthy to the point of addiction, and she needed to convalesce in a rehab center in the middle of the desert to break his hold on her. SAY WHAT NOW?

Well, I suppose it makes sense. I imagine dating Justin Bieber must be a lot like meth addiction: one minute you're a fresh-faced, functioning human being with hopes and dreams. Then, next thing you know, you're shivering in a corner, scratching holes in your face and wondering where it all went so very wrong.

# Bieber flies high

Speaking of everyone's favorite rascally Canuck, Justin Bieber is making headlines again for naughty behavior. (See: "Yawn, sigh, next.")

This time, it's for reports that he hot-boxed his private jet to the Super Bowl over the weekend.

Now, it's my understanding that, when traveling on your private jet, you can pretty much do whatever the hell you want. Because, private jet. My actual knowledge of the intricacies of flying on private jets is admittedly limited, however. Because, career in journalism.

According to a report by NBC, it seems it wasn't the fact that Bieber and his entourage (which included his father — props to pops on the quality parenting) were getting stoned that was the issue. It was the insane amount of weed they were smoking that became a problem. This crowd were flying so high (hahaha, good weed-on-a-plane joke, right?) that the flight crew had to don oxygen masks... so as not to get a contact high and crash the plane, I'm assuming.

Any news on that petition to deport Justin Bieber back to Canada, btw?

TALKING POINTS

## Kendall Jenner's achy-breaky heart

In the immortal words of Pat Benatar, "love is a battlefield." That's what Kendall Jenner learned the hard way, when Harry Styles (the dreamiest of all the kids in One Direction, as I understand it) reportedly cheated on her with Benatar's daughter, Haley Giraldo, while Jenner was on vacation. Man, these Kardashians can't catch a break.

## James Franco Acting School

James Franco is opening an acting school in Los Angeles, at which he will teach people who want to act how to act like James Franco. Of course he is. That's really all I have to say about that.

THE WORD

Alexandra Cavallo takes on the world of gossip.

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# The Auto Show rolls into town

**Car love.** A mix of passionate enthusiasts and savvy shoppers are expected to attend.

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"It ebbs and flows and weathers bad times," says Mike Gempp, Philadelphia Auto Show director, who joined the team in 1995. "The show remained very similar over the recession. Even when manufacturers cut back on displays for other auto shows during the downturn, we maintained all our manufacturers and full displays. Philadelphia's a strong market and this is a very consumer-friendly show."

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"We say to people, 'Find your next dream car'. Or, 'Find your next family car, or find your retirement car'," says Gempp. "Cars are in everyone's memories, so we also say, 'Find your next memory.'"

The Auto Show is back for its 113th year.
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# Kick the tires and light the fires

**Off-road.** Drive up a mountain or plow through the sand at the 113th Philadelphia Auto Show.

Are you brave enough for the Jeep obstacle course?
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Looking at cars is cool and all, but there's nothing like getting in the seat and driving that baby! The Philadelphia Auto Show's Ride and Drive program offers dozens of opportunities to become intimately acquainted via a test drive around Philly.

"You can't beat getting behind the wheel and getting a feel for the car," says Philadelphia Auto Show director Mike Gempp. "It's a test drive with a professional by your side, explaining the car's features. Manufacturers value getting people in the driver's seat, of course."

Alternatively, attendees can ride along as a passenger. On some of the interactive displays, it's a passenger-only option. The Jeep Mountain, for instance, has a 14-foot ramp that puts riders 18 feet off the ground at its peak.

"Off-road is a different experience," says Gempp. "Jeep's ramp tips the car at a 35-degree angle; it can knock you back in your seat. There's an articulated ramp that tips the car on its side. We had that last year for the first time and this year it's been enhanced. One new feature is riding up an obstacle course that puts the car with only two wheels touching the ground at one point. It really shows the balance of the car."

Not to mention showing off the skills of the driver — and the guts of the passenger.

"The interactive displays are fun. Toyota's put cars in different situations. The theme is, 'Let's go on vacation and get rid of the winter blues.' There's a large dirt mound simulating mountain driving. There's a sand mound to give a beach feel, and there's a fun house with mirrors. What we find is the passion people have for the automobile."

LINDA CLARKE
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Collectibles

## Check out the classics

Some cars are display only, including the ones in the vintage section. When it comes to automotive design, there's nothing like vintage vehicles to bring out the inner auto geek. Among the elder statesmen are selections from Philadelphia's Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum, a private collection of classic racing cars.

"They will be bringing the first car to be placed on the historic register. It's like how historic houses are registered, only for cars. It's the 1964 Cobra. It's a one-of-a-kind," Gempp says, "and might just steal the show."

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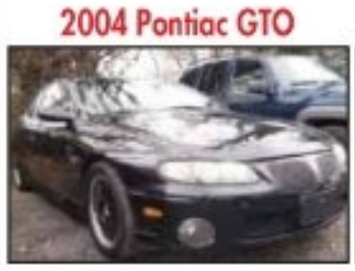
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# Toyota. The world's best-selling carmaker predicts industry-wide US sales of 16 million

Terry Crews and the Muppets team up in Toyota's Super Bowl commercial. / TOYOTA

Toyota Motor Corp expects the domestic auto market to continue a mild recovery in 2014 despite poorer than expected sales last month, an executive said, although concerns linger that it will face intensified competition and eroding profits in its largest market.

Toyota, the world's best-selling automaker, raised its operating profit forecast — as expected — to a record 2.4 trillion yen ($23.7 billion) for the year, ending March, and forecast that industry-wide U.S. sales would edge up to about 16 million vehicles in 2014 from last year's 15.58 million.

Toyota already faces uncertainties in emerging markets, which account for 45 percent of its sales and are reeling under the tapering of economic stimulus measures by the Federal Reserve.

"Because downside risks exist in emerging markets such as the so-called 'fragile five,' including Indonesia and Brazil, how Toyota's sales go in the developed markets will be increasingly important for it to maintain its profitability," said Takumi Hoshi, an automotive sector analyst at Toyo Securities.

But competition is intensifying in North America, which accounts for nearly 30 percent of its global vehicle sales and about 15 percent of its operating profit.

U.S. sales of its mainstay Camry passenger sedan, which faces stiff competition from Ford Motor Co's Fusion and Honda Motor Co's Accord, dropped 1.1 percent in the last quarter from a year ago.

For the financial year to March, Toyota cut its North American sales forecast by 1.1 percent to 2.6 million vehicles, also citing its relatively weak lineup for pickup trucks compared with Detroit's Big Three. REUTERS

**By the numbers**

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Four of the top five U.S. auto sellers on Monday blamed extreme winter weather for poorer than expected sales in January.

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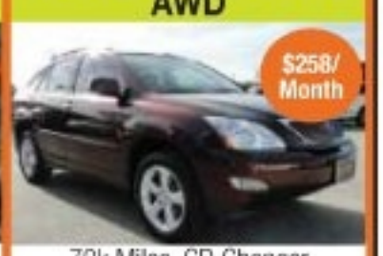


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# Ford expands truck production

Ford's Louisville truck plant opened in 1969. It produces about 365,000 vehicles a year. / FORD

**F-150.** The automaker's Kentucky plant is getting an $80 million upgrade.

Ford Motor Co is spending $80 million to boost production of large pickups and SUVs this year at its Louisville truck plant, the U.S. automaker said last week.

The Kentucky facility, one of two Ford plants in Louisville, last year built 353,662 vehicles. Most of those were Ford's popular F-Series Super Duty, a bigger, brawnier sibling to the company's mainstay F-150 pickup.

The truck plant, which opened in 1969 and has been running close to its rated annual capacity of 365,000, will hike that by 55,000 to 420,000, Ford said. The plant will add 350 jobs to its current workforce of nearly 4,000.

Ford did not provide further details about the timeline of the expansion plans.

**By the numbers**

## 763,402

Ford does not break out sales of the Super Duty models from the standard F-Series. The full line continues to be the best-selling vehicle in the U.S., with sales last year jumping 18 percent to 763,402. Expedition sales in 2013 rose 1 percent to 38,350 in 2013, while Navigator sales increased 3 percent to 8,613.

The F-Series Super Duty accounted for the bulk of production last year in Louisville, at 272,521, according to data from Automotive News. The plant also built 78,500 Ford Expedition and Lincoln Navigator SUVs.

The standard F-150 is being redesigned late this year, with most of its steel body panels being replaced with lighter-weight aluminum.

The Super Duty pickups aren't slated for a major overhaul until late 2015 when they too are expected to feature more aluminum.

The Expedition and Navigator SUVs will be restyled and updated this fall for the 2015 model year. They sell in much smaller numbers than the Super Duty, which includes the F-250, F-350, F-450 and F-550 pickups. Many of those trucks are purchased by commercial users, including construction workers and small-business owners.

The mildly revised 2015 F-Series Super Duty goes on sale this spring, with a more powerful 6.7-liter V8 turbo-diesel engine and greater towing capacity.

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## Horoscope

**♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb 18.** Don't expect others to see things your way. Patience and moderation will be required. A tricky situation can go either way.

**♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20.** Stay calm, even if your principles are questioned. Avoid a confrontation that may put you out in front of others. Help those unable to help themselves.

**♈ Aries | March 21-April 20.** Looking over your financial situation will help you feel better about your future. Free your life from encumbrances.

**♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21.** Keep life simple, as adding expenses or responsibilities will lead to anxiety. Avoid excess by eliminating friendships that are geared toward indulgence.

**♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20.** Be careful what you say. A difference of opinion could alter your future. Listen, but refrain from getting involved.

**♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22.** Don't lend or borrow. Feelings of obligation to get involved in someone else's plan will not bring you closer to reaching your goal.

**♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22.** Home-improvement projects or helping someone will cost more than you expect. Stick to the truth and say what's on your mind.

**♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Make a point to reconnect with old friends. Travel plans that entail business or educational pursuits will pay off.

**♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22.** Joint ventures and risky financial schemes must be avoided. Extravagance will result in additional worries and stress. Take caution against health problems.

**♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21.** Aggressive behavior must be monitored carefully. There will be a fine line between being helpful and pushy.

**♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21.** Look before you leap. Mishaps are likely if you don't take precautions. Keep your opinions to yourself.

**♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20.** Generosity will lead to uneasiness. You don't have to give in to demands from people who are asking too much. Offer suggestions or help. BERNICE BEDE OSOL

## Sudoku: Easy and hard

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## Letters

### *What else is a president to do with an uncivil Congress?*

**Re: 'Let Obama do Congress' job if it won't' (Metro, Feb. 4)**
I agree with L. George McLean's response to E. Campbell. What's the president to do, stand on the supposed correctness of not doing anything without Congress' participation, for the glory of saying, 'There — I was concisely correct, never mind that nothing could get done"?

Republican "leaders" blatantly stated — nay, boasted — that making Obama unsuccessful was the premise they stand on, rather than accomplishing the will of the people.

It's a given that all of the people don't agree, so compromise is part of the definition of their job.

Obama claims he's intending to be president of all — if he's allowed to be.

Anytime you have former Congresspeople going around campaigning against the level of incivility that's been reached, and for people knowing how to compromise to accomplish what's needed, you have a problem.

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16 Hoarfrost
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18 Cracks in volcanos
19 Sarah — Jewett
20 Optical illusion
22 Swerve back and forth
24 One of the Pleiades
26 Libertine
27 Glacial deposit
30 Flower product
34 One, in Aberdeen
35 Brought about (2 wds.)
38 Pasture entrance
39 Ms. Zadora
40 Some are raw
42 Apprehend
43 French wine valley
46 Fries and slaw
48 Veld grazer
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51 K2's superior
53 Beowulf's drink
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56 Of the Milky Way
60 Carmaker's woe
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67 MOMA artist
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73 Hunt-and-peck error

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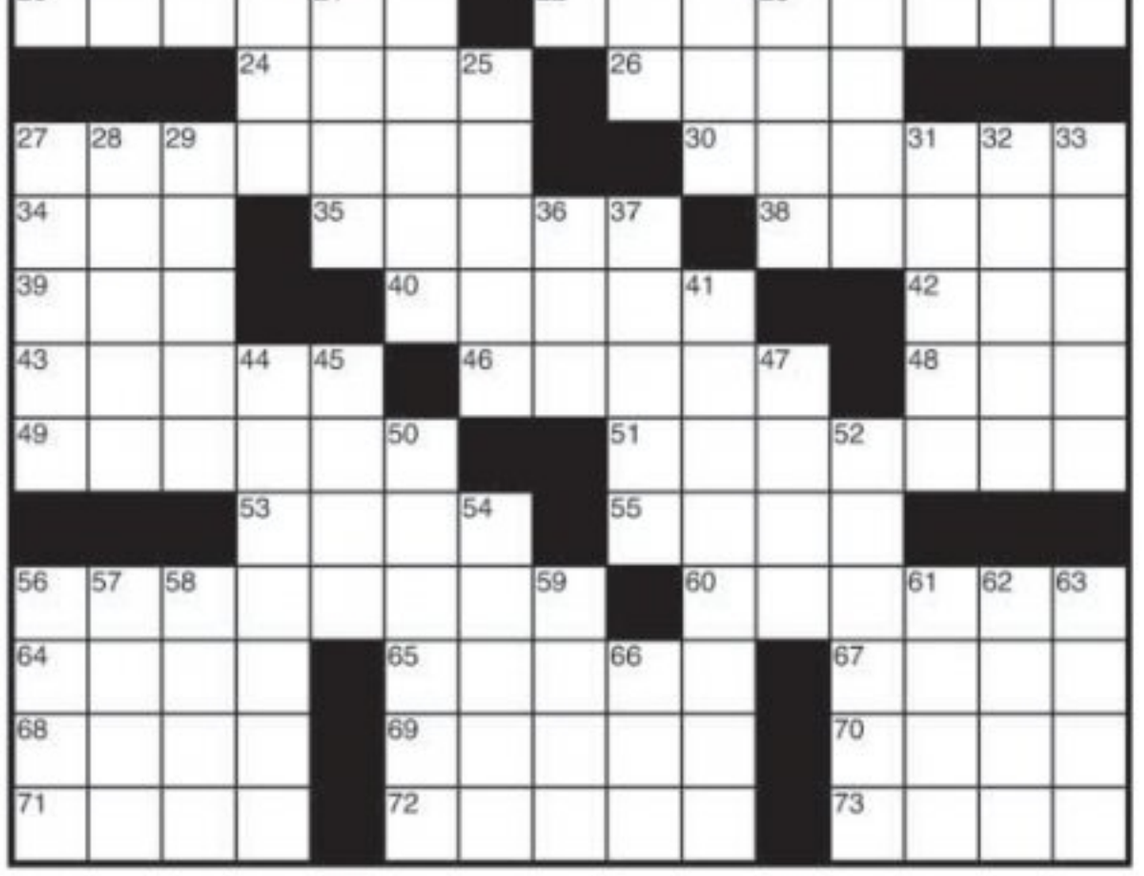

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Summer girls in Sochi

## *Lolo and Lauryn*

**You probably know Summer Olympians Lolo Jones and Lauryn Williams. Well Mighty Mouse and the Olympics' most famous virgin made a shocking transition to bobsled and are part of the Team USA two-man teams. Williams, along with driver Jamie Greubel, won gold in the last World Cup event on Jan. 19.**

# 6 US story lines to watch in Sochi

The 2014 Winter Olympics are now officially underway. But let's be honest, you haven't exactly been keeping track of speed skating or bobsled over the past four years, have you?

Don't worry, we've got you covered.

The United States is sending their biggest Winter Olympic team ever to Sochi with 230 athletes.

The team won a U.S.-record 37 total medals, including nine golds, in Vancouver four years ago. And as you'll see, that total could increase thanks to some new sports included for the first time in 2014, including snowboarding slopestyle, freestyle skiing and a team figure skating competition.

Without further ado, we give you the top 6 stories to watch in Sochi.

MARK OSBORNE
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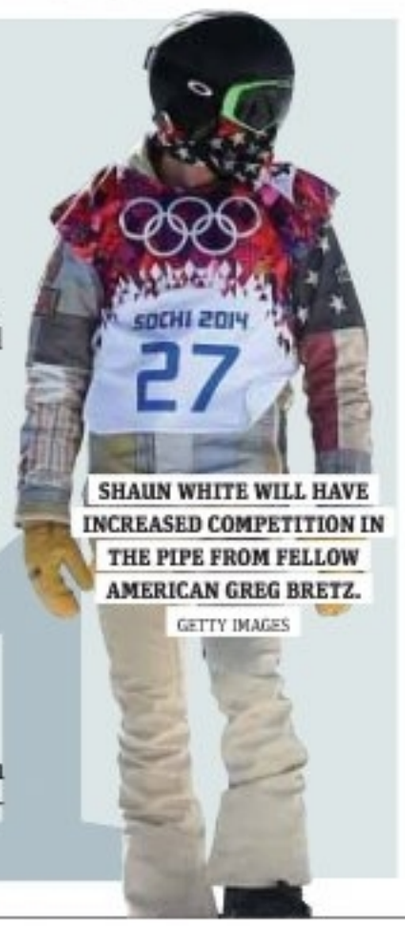
## Flying Tomato

No list of U.S. Olympians would be complete without the highest-profile athlete in the games: Shaun White. The two-time defending snowboard halfpipe gold medalist was gearing up to sweep two golds in Sochi thanks to the newly added slopestyle competition. But White pulled out one day before the slopestyle competition and said he would focus on a halfpipe three-peat. To be honest, White used to be an elite slopestyle competitor, but has been passed by other competitors in the field.



SHAUN WHITE WILL HAVE INCREASED COMPETITION IN THE PIPE FROM FELLOW AMERICAN GREG BRETZ.

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## U.S. vs. Canada hockey: Part I

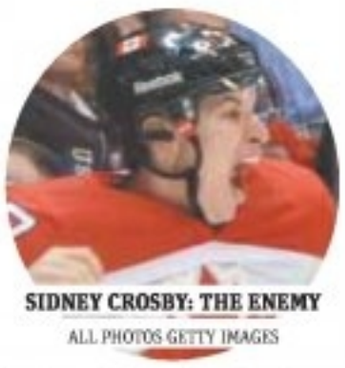
There are few greater tournaments in the world than every four years when we get Olympic men's hockey.

The NHL players, national pride and free-flowing game are a beauty to watch every Olympics.

We got an all-timer in Vancouver when the United States rode the stellar goaltending of Ryan Miller into a gold-medal showdown with Sidney Crosby, Rick Nash and Team Canada. The classic final went into overtime before Captain Crosby snuck one past Miller and set off a national celebration in the host country.

All of the particulars are back and the U.S. is looking for a changed result.

But Alex Ovechkin, Evgeni Malkin and the Russian hosts have a lot of pressure to come through with gold as well.



SIDNEY CROSBY: THE ENEMY

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## U.S. vs. Canada hockey: Part II

Don't forget the biggest rivalry in women's hockey though.

U.S. and Canada have dominated the sport, winning every gold in the Olympics since the sport was first introduced in 1998.

The U.S. won in 1998, but Canada has won three straight since then (2002, 2006, 2010) beating the United States in two of those finals.

The two sides have met in each of the World Championships since Vancouver and the U.S. holds a 2-1 advantage, including a 3-2 win in Ottawa last year.

## Redemption

Snowboarder Lindsey Jacobellis might be the most infamous silver medalist in U.S. history.

The snowboard cross rider blew a lead in 2006 when she fell after hotdogging on the final jump. Four years later, she cased a jump and blew through a gate leading to a DQ in the semifinals. She's back and favored.

## Wagner and Gold vs. The World

The U.S. had medaled in every ladies' singles figure skating event since the 1964 Innsbruck Olympics before failing to podium four years ago in Vancouver. They are in serious danger of doing the same in Sochi.

The U.S. selected Gracie Gold (one of three U.S. athletes with the last name Gold on the team) and Ashley Wagner to compete this year. Gold, 18, upset Wagner to win the U.S. Championships last month.

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NBA news

*The latest trade rumor to pop up ahead of the Feb. 20 trade deadline has the Lakers giving Pau Gasol to the Suns in exchange for Emeka Okafor's expiring contract.*

# FANTASY'S NEXT BIG THING

If you haven't played the burgeoning phenomenon known as daily fantasy sports yet, you will. And there's a good chance you will become addicted (in a good way).

Back in 2006 when the UIGEA was passed to essentially outlaw online poker, the government carved out a hole for fantasy sports. They considered it a skill game, so us Americans can continue to play it for money. And nowhere is that skill more evident than in the daily arena, where we don't have to worry about our first-round pick getting hurt or our key player putting up a dud in the playoffs. Daily fantasy is a one-day match of wits between statistics nerds.

There's a ton of money to be made here, especially as new players continue to flood the market. Keys to striking it rich:

Winning in fantasy sports is about research and creating good matchups for your players. / GETTY IMAGES

### It's all matchups

Player salaries are set to reflect general value, not which team a guy is facing on a given night. So if we know which defenses give up the most fantasy points to centers, or which teams shut down point guards, then we gain a huge edge.

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Philly frustration

## Sixers know they must protect ball

The 76ers' players are keenly aware of what has transpired on the court lately, and they're not happy about their sometimes embarrassing play.

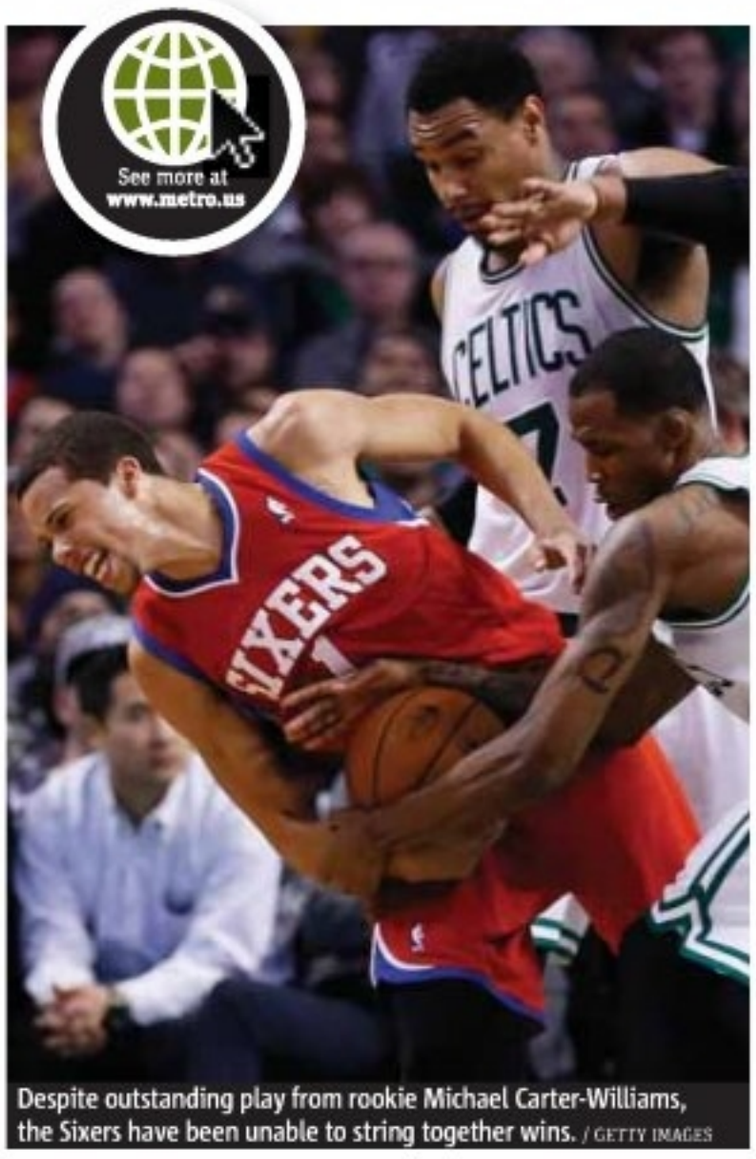
"Some of them are just careless and we know that," center Spencer Hawes said. "Other times, we're attacking and making bad decisions. You're going to have some turnovers, but you can't expect to win consistently in this league with as many turnovers as we've had. On the flip side, I think we're improving and the young guys are getting better every game."

In a recent loss in Brooklyn, four players had at least four turnovers.

The topic has been discussed on a daily basis.

"I don't think anyone in this locker room is happy with the turnover issue," forward Thaddeus Young said. "We know it has to be cleaned up. At the same time, we have to be aggressive. If you lose that aggressiveness, it can hurt you. But at the same time, you have to be smart with how you're attacking the basket."

The Sixers committed 16 turnovers in Wednesday's 114-108 loss to the Celtics, which is slightly under their average. To really improve, it's going to take a team effort. That's a tall task with such an inexperienced team. **ANDY JASNER**



Despite outstanding play from rookie Michael Carter-Williams, the Sixers have been unable to string together wins. / GETTY IMAGES

# 76ers' Brown still expects better play

**NBA.** Turnovers continue to plague the underachieving Sixers this season.

Sixers coach Brett Brown has repeatedly said he expected growing pains this season.

He's OK with that.

But he's not content with how the Sixers have been playing.

Plain and simple, they've been highly erratic and continue to lead the NBA in turnovers per game. With their season high-tying 26 turnovers Monday night at Brooklyn, the Sixers saw their turnovers per game average increase to 17.4.

The Sixers have turned the ball over 25 times or more than three times this season.

And they haven't seen this many miscues since their frustrating 22-60 season in 1996-97.

"I think I've got to do a better job of tightening some things up," Brown said.

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Midseason blues

**With the All-Star break a week away, things won't get any easier for the struggling 76ers.**

- They have one home game before the All-Star weekend, Friday night against the L.A. Lakers.
- Philadelphia has a three-game West Coast swing following Friday's game at the Clippers, Warriors and Jazz.

Unhappy Hawes

**"We just need to value the basketball best we can. I'm confident things will improve. They have to."**

Sixers center Spencer Hawes

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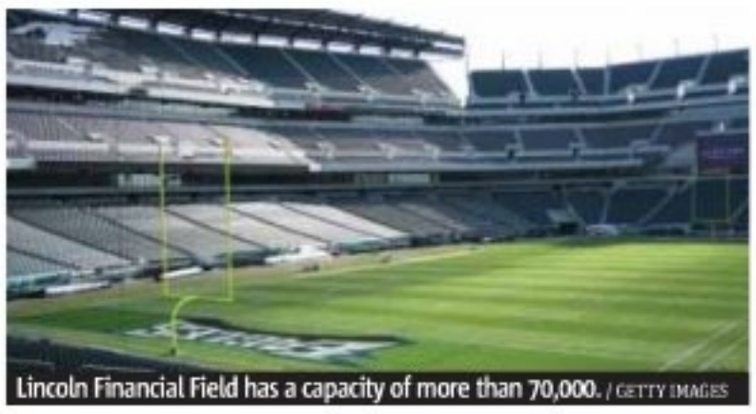
Lincoln Financial Field has a capacity of more than 70,000. / GETTY IMAGES

**NFL.** Lincoln Financial field will add 1,600 new seats and a new Jumbotron in time for next season.

Rumors that Lincoln Financial Field will be a player for a future Super Bowl could gain traction as the stadium announced it will add seating and technological improvements.

It also was announced that 52 percent of tickets will increase in price while another 43 percent of seats will remain the same price while 5 percent will drop in price.

Lincoln Financial Field has begun construction on an addition of 1,600 seats and other upgrades, including a large and brand new HD video board and LED ribbon boards to the 11-year-old complex.

"For the first time since we opened Lincoln Financial Field in 2003, we have an opportunity to add seats," Eagles President Don Smolenski said. "We're excited to be able to add new fans to the Eagles family."

The seats will be added to all levels, with lower bowl seats maintaining Stadium Builders Licenses.

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## NHL. Giroux passed over for Olympics by Team Canada again

A spot on Team Canada opened up earlier this week when forward Steven Stamkos dropped out due to injury, but once again, Flyers captain Claude Giroux was passed over.

This time it was for Martin St. Louis, who has less points than Giroux since the first team roster was announced on Jan. 7, but leads the entire NHL in points scored since the last Olympic Games in 2010.

"I didn't give myself hope, I didn't want to be disappointed again," Giroux told reporters.

The NHL season has just a few games left before the squads take a break and the Canadian team, along with the rest of the NHL's Olympians head to Russia Sunday.

Claude Giroux / GETTY IMAGES

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### In the news

**All-time great passes**

#### Hall of Famer Kiner dead at 91

Baseball Hall of Famer Ralph Kiner passed away at age 91 of natural causes Thursday. He was at his home in California.

Kiner played most notably for the Pirates, but also spent two and a half seasons with the Cubs and one in Cleveland.

He also was a legendary broadcaster with the New York Mets for 53 years.

Kiner was the league's pre-eminent slugger in the 1940s and 1950s, leading the league in homers in each of his first seven seasons in the league. MARK OSBORNE

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#### Carter-Williams is Rookie of the Month again

Michael Carter-Williams and Allen Iverson now have another thing in common. Both have earned the Rookie of the Month designation multiple times.

During 17 games in January, the first-rounder from Syracuse has averaged 16.5 points, 5.6 rebounds and 5.6 assists. He even posted his career high this month in a 33 points performance in Cleveland on Jan. 7, making him the first Sixers rookie to score 30 or more points since Iverson in 1997.

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**130851** An Ordinance providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of the proposal set forth in a Resolution approved by Council proposing an amendment of The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to provide that Council approval is required for certain contracts for one year or less for the purpose of providing legal representation and related services for indigent persons, including but not limited to parents and children who are subjects of dependency proceedings; criminal defendants; persons in juvenile justice proceedings; persons involved in behavioral health proceedings; and indigent persons involved in other proceedings where legal representation is required as a matter of law or by court order; and to provide that Council approval is also required for renewals or extensions of such contracts; and authorizing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election.

**130852** An Ordinance amending Title 17 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Contracts and Procurement," by establishing reporting and auditing requirements for certain contracts for conflicts counsel for indigent individuals; all under certain terms and conditions.

**120387** An Ordinance amending Section 17-109 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Local Bidding Preferences," by adjusting the local bidding preference for City contracts, all under certain terms and conditions.

**130861** Resolution proposing an amendment to The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to provide that Council approval is required for certain contracts for one year or less for the purpose of providing legal representation and related services for indigent persons, including but not limited to parents and children who are subjects of dependency proceedings; criminal defendants; persons in juvenile justice proceedings; persons involved in behavioral health proceedings; and indigent persons involved in other proceedings where legal representation is required as a matter of law or by court order; and to provide that Council approval is also required for renewals or extensions of such contracts; and providing for the submission of the amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

**Michael Decker**
**Chief Clerk**

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